

## The Friday flash !!!!!

Here's some of the latest news from across my desk this past week ..... hope it is helpful to you!

### **REMINDER: MBITE SUMMER UPDATE—AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2006**

~from Char Lawrence, President, MBITE, dated May 18, 2006~

"Sending a reminder along that we need email registration confirmation by May 30, 2006 regarding the Summer Update. As of today's date we have nine teachers signed up but need a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 people registered to make it work. **For more information, questions, any additional registration forms, please contact either Char Lawrence at [clawrence@helena.k12.mt.us](mailto:clawrence@helena.k12.mt.us) or Diana Fiedler at [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).**

The Montana Business and Information Technology Educators (MBITE) will sponsor a wonderful workshop this coming August. Workshop presenters are three of our very own fantastic Montana business teachers: **Cheryl Graham, Sandy Wood, and Cindy Jones!** This 12-hour workshop you will NOT want to miss! The workshop topics will include Introduction to PC Tablets and the Nifty 50 curriculum, Paintbrush, PhotoShop Elements, and Adobe Illustrator CS2 as a drawing tool. In addition, Cindy Jones will present on the required IT curriculum they have implemented at Flathead High School.

The two-day workshop will be **held at Capital High School in Helena on August 1 & 2, 2006**. Registration cost is \$75. This will include two lunches and the WACOM PC Tablet bundle—retail price is \$117—for you to take back to your school district. Travel expenses, hotel accommodations and any other meals are your responsibility. MBITE membership is required to attend the workshop. If you are already a paid MBITE member—YAHOO! If not, please include an additional \$15 with your registration to pay that membership."

### **'ECONOMICS 500'—JUNE 19-21, 2006**

~from Stacey Alzheimer, MCEE Administrator, Montana Council on Economic Education, dated April 27, 2006~

"The Montana Council on Economic Education (MCEE) is again offering scholarships to Montana teachers interested in attending a summer workshop worth one graduate credit at Montana State University. "Economics 500—Applied Economic Education" is scheduled for June 19-21<sup>st</sup> at MSU. The three-day workshop is designed to enhance the skills of teachers of social studies, business, mathematics, consumer and family science and other teaching disciplines. The workshop will include instruction on current key issues that impact Montana's economy, from school funding and performance to Montana taxes and spending and will also include standard economic issues such as scarcity, incentives, and opportunity costs. This year attendees also have the opportunity to be among the first to review the recently completed Economic Learning Modules (ELMs). The ELMs will be available to high schools throughout Montana and are designed to be turnkey lesson plans that address the economic standards for high school education and can be used as stand-alone lesson plans or taught as a whole.

Full scholarships are available that provide housing, meals, materials and the full cost of one graduate credit. For an application, go to <http://www.econedmontana.org>. You can also contact the MCEE by phone at 406-994-5618 or email [mcee@montana.edu](mailto:mcee@montana.edu) for more information.

## **BEHAVIORAL INITIATIVE SUMMER INSTITUTE—JUNE 12-16, 2006**

~from Official Email from the Montana Office of Public Instruction Linda McCulloch, Superintendent, dated May 18, 2006~

"The Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) Summer Institute is fast approaching. The deadline for Early Bird Registration is May 31, 2006. The theme for the 2006 Institute is "Bully Prevention and Intervention." Please visit the registration web site at: [www.montana.edu/cs/mbi/](http://www.montana.edu/cs/mbi/). If you have questions, please contact Susan Bailey-Anderson at 406-444-2046 or via email at: [sbanderson@mt.gov](mailto:sbanderson@mt.gov).

## **INDIAN EDUCATION READY-TO-GO GRANTS**

~from Official Email from the Montana Office of Public Instruction Linda McCulloch, Superintendent, dated May 18, 2006~

"The RFP for Round 2 of the Indian Education for All Ready-To-Go grants is now available. The postmark deadline to submit applications for Round 2 is extended until June 21, 2006. The 2005 Legislature provided funding for the Indian Education Ready-To-Go grants to assist Montana schools in their Indian Education for All implementation efforts. The OPI designated funds in amounts of \$5,000 - \$50,000 be used by schools to develop accurate and appropriate resource materials and professional development. These best practices and resources will then be offered to other schools to be replicated in schools throughout the state for ongoing implementation of Indian Education for All. The OPI welcomes submissions by any public school that has a great idea for implementing Indian Education for All. Please contact Angie Collins, the new Indian Education Implementation Specialist by phone at: 406-444-0708 or email her at: [angelic@mt.gov](mailto:angelic@mt.gov).

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